

THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Wednesday Morning, Nov 9, 1870.

PASSENGERS.

Per schooner Ocean Pearl—H A Pickett, Mr and Mrs Mickel and Mr Griffin

IMPORTS

Per schooner Ocean Pearl—10 bxs oatmeal, 400 grs sugar, 1 lb liquor, 1 cwt bacon, 10 lbs ham, 10 lbs lard, 10 lbs flour, 10 lbs agricultural implements, 10 lbs wine, 25 bags coffee, 10 pks brooms, 10 pks linens, 1 bag cork, 25 bars steel, 20 boxes oysters, 21 bags nails, 230 lbs oil and oil, 50 lbs glassware, 20 lbs white wine, 73 lbs rice, 1 swining machine, 25 lbs grain, 100 lbs tea, 100 lbs feed, 100 lbs yeast, 100 lbs powder, 75 lbs groceries, 100 lbs meat, 14 lbs boots, 235 lbs salteratus, 100 lbs machinery, 50 pks mds

CONSIGNERS

Per schooner Ocean Pearl—Langley & Co., P. Lenerue, Rob. Grignon, A. L. & Co., Lowen & Ebb, K. & L. E. M. C., B. H. R. M., G. C. A. F. J. C. R. T. G. F. Adams & Co. C. Q. W. C. S. M. & Co., B. C. A. S. Pickett & Co., R. Beauvau

DEMOLISHING AN ANTAGONIST.

We direct the attention of our readers to the letter of Mr W J Macdonald, which appears in this issue. Mr Macdonald declines to fight his antagonist with his own favorite weapon—scorcery; but in a mild, gentlemanly way introduces to the public extract from Mr DeCosmos' paper, to show that, within four months that gentleman has changed his opinion with respect to the Railway and Confederation seven times! Further, Mr Macdonald proves what few people, we think, were aware of, viz., that Mr DeCosmos introduced into the Legislative Council at New Westminster a resolution which sought immediate Confederation without Terms. Mr Macdonald also proves that to Mr J D Pemberton, then a member of the Council, belongs the honor of introducing an amendment to Mr DeCosmos' No-Terms resolution asking for Union on fair and equitable Terms. This amendment, in his issue of the 3d inst, Mr DeCosmos claims as his own! We refer our readers to the letter.

MR. NICHOLSON'S ADDRESS.—The address of Mr J C Nicholson to the electors of Victoria City appears this morning. It is mainly, straightforward document, breathing a proper spirit with respect to the Terms, the Canadian Tariff, Responsible Government and Education. Mr Nicholson also promises to strive and fix the Terminus of the Railway at Victoria and Esquimalt, if found practicable. Mr Nicholson has been many years a resident of Victoria, where he has represented the firm of Dickson, Campbell & Co and the Hastings Mill Company, and had he decided at an earlier date to come out his election would have been assured. But as his principles are identical with those of Mr Nathan, and as the town has been already industriously canvassed and the pledges of electors generally secured for one or the other of the candidates earlier in the field, we regard Mr Nicholson's chances of return as extremely doubtful.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION.—At the Municipal hustings yesterday Councillor Carey nominated Mr A R Robertson for Mayor. The nomination was received with cheers. Mr McMillian seconded the nomination. Mr Bishop proposed Dr Trimble, present Mayor. The show of hands was in favor of Dr Trimble and a poll was demanded for Mr Robertson. As Councillors, J E McMillan and W Heathcote were elected for Yates street Ward; for James Bay Ward, Councillors Carey and McKay were re-elected; for Johnson Street Ward, Councillors Russell and Gerow were also re-elected. Messrs McMillan and Heathcote, therefore, are the only "new blood" in the Council.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Last evening "Dame Cesar De Bazan" was played with immense effect. It was followed by "Lady Godiva" in which Miss Leo Hudson personated the Lady and on her Black Beast showed to fine advantage. The entire troupe acquitted themselves well last night—especially Mrs Bird the Misses Pixley, Miss West, and Messrs Thoroton, Ward, Melville and Dennis. This evening we shall have the "French Spy." There is no end to the novelties Manager Bird has in store for amusement-loving people.

THE NEW MAYOR.—By the retirement of Dr Trimble from the contest, Mr A R Robertson became Mayor of the city. Mr Robertson is a gentleman in whose praise we need not speak. He is too well known to require a certificate of character from any one. It is seldom that so young a man has been placed in so exalted a position; but, then, it is not often so young a man is possessed of those sterling qualities which fit Mr Robertson for the office.

ARRIVAL.—The schooner Ocean Pearl, Capt Kennedy, arrived from San Francisco yesterday afternoon, having been eleven days on the passage. The captain reports strong winds outside thick weather in the Straits. The Ocean Pearl brings a full cargo and is consigned to Millard & Beedy. Among the passengers was a former fellow-townsmen—Mr H A Pickett—who will reside here henceforth.

THE LIVING, TALKING HEAD.—A steady stream of people poured into the New French Hotel yesterday to witness the living, talking head of Prof Duchalmeau. The head relates the manner of its death, tells its name and birthplace opens and shuts its eyes, etc. The sight is thrilling and interesting, and but for the fact that we feel and know that it is an illusion would be terrible. It will be exhibited again to-day at 2:30 o'clock.

YALE-LYTTON ELECTION.—The nomination will be held on the 19th inst, and if a poll be demanded votes will be received at Hope, Yale, Lytton, Nicola Lake, Cache Creek, Okanagan, Kamloops and Rock Creek on the 30th inst.

A HORSE attached to an awning-post in front of Mr Gosnell's store on Douglas street yesterday became affrighted, tore down the post and ran off up Cormorant street side-walk with the post dangling in front sweeping down twelve ornamental trees and boxes in front of Mr Kriemler's residence.

HOLIDAY GOODS SALE.—The sale of holiday goods at Messrs R F Pickett & Co's rooms yesterday was well attended and for most of the articles good prices were obtained, previous to the holiday goods a line of wicks, shoes and cigars were sold.

HOLIDAY.—To-day will be observed as a holiday throughout the colony and business will generally be suspended. The races at Beacon Hill promise to be quite attractive. The first race will commence at 1 o'clock, p.m.

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"British Columbia will not now be contented with Confederation if it don't bring more with it than the mere financial terms published in the telegrams. Responsible Government itself will not satisfy our people now without money being expended in a line of railway starting from Victoria and running towards Montreal."

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In the Standard of 1st September it will be seen that Mr DeCosmos was not very long satisfied. He changed his mind since yesterday. The poor fellow is not at all inconsistent. He says,

"We ought to have obtained a larger subsidy; but nevertheless we venture the prediction that it will be accepted by the people.....To get the railway we are to give up a tract of country as large as ten colonies the size of Prince Edward Island and that tract the best in the country. All that we are to get for it is \$100,000 a year for ever. Canada may seem to be acting liberally, but it is only our present necessities that make it appear so much more liberal than it really is."

In the Daily Standard of 3rd September Mr DeCosmos, in speaking on the tariff question, says,

"We contend that this constitutes a great defect in the terms of Confederation and one that is likely to produce some degree of irritation."

Mr DeCosmos, you will notice, was satisfied for part of one day."

In the Daily Standard Oct 13th, 1870, Mr DeCosmos says: "Now no candidate ought to be returned by Victoria unless he pledge himself to vote for Confederation on condition that Victoria be made the Terminus."

Let the reader compare this with what Mr DeCosmos said on the 16th and 22nd of August, and 31st of August.

In the Daily Standard, Oct 31st, Mr DeCosmos says: "The Meeting having inaugurated the terminus question, let no candidate receive a vote unless he pledges himself squarely to vote for the Terminus as a condition of Confederation."

How about DeCosmos not finding fault first with one thing and then with another. These are a few of the inconsistencies of Mr Amor DeCosmos.

At the last session of the Legislative Council, why did Mr DeCosmos not try to define the Terminus. The Terms were open to amendment. He, prefers finding fault with others now. He knows full well that his mind never grasped the idea of such Terms as are now before him.

If Mr DeCosmos will make enquiries at the proper quarter he will find that Mr Trutch does not ridicule the idea of a Railway on Vancouver Island, but is in favor of it if practicable.

In addressing you on the 2nd, I quoted Mr DeCosmos' Confederation resolution from memory, which accounts for my not giving the exact wording, although I remembered the substance pretty well. I had no intention of falsifying or concocting.

I can find no record of any resolution proposed by Mr DeCosmos on the 18th March 1870; but I find that he proposed one on the 8th of the same month which was not carried.

Mr DeCosmos on the 18th March 1866, on resuming the debate of Confederation, said:

"From what he had learned since the subject was last before the House, he was inclined to ask permission to withdraw his former resolution, and to be allowed to introduce a new one to the effect that such measures should be taken for the immediate entrance of the Colony into the North American Confederation as had been provided by the Bill already carried through the Imperial Parliament."

No word about terms.

Mr J D Pemberton, on the same day, 18th March, moved the following amendment—which was carried unanimously: "That this Council is of opinion that at this juncture of affairs in British North America, east of the Rocky Mountains, it is very desirable that His Excellency be respectfully requested to take such steps without delay as may be deemed by him best adapted to insure the admission of the Colony into the Confederation on fair and equitable terms, this Council being confident that in advising this step they are expressing the views of the Colony generally."

The Terms were left entirely to the Governor and the Canadian Government to arrange. There was no mention of Delegates.

Mr DeCosmos, in another speech the same day, March 18th, said:

"It was more to our interest than to that of Canada that we should enter the Confederation. We should interest the Canadian Government in completing the route to Red River and the Canadas; there were only 400 miles between the great lakes and the Rocky Mountains. We could open the route over the Rocky Mountains, but would require Canada to do the rest."

Such were Mr DeCosmos' ideas of Terms—they amounted to very little. His one great wish was to get into Confederation at all hazards.

It may be a sin, in the eyes of some, not to take a single copy of the Standard; but I think otherwise. I don't like publications calculated to demoralize society, and lower the status of the Colony abroad; neither do I wish to accuse Mr DeCosmos of "inexcusable slander" when I say that I did take 5 or 6 copies of the Standard and paid for them.

W. J. MACDONALD.

Floral Incense!

The fragrance of fresh flowers is agreeable and pleasant to even the most fastidious; and in the genuine MURRAY & LAMANNA'S FLORAL WATER we have this floral fragrance in all its refreshing purity and strength. Delicate persons and invalids are greatly soothed and relieved by its use.

"As they are worthless counterfeits, buyers should always ask for the Florida Water prepared by Murray & Kemp, New York."

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"The Municipal election will be summoned to Versailles, had gained no ground at 7 p.m.

Metz is occupied by the Germans with artillery.

LONDON, Nov 6.—A Versailles correspond-

ent telegraphs that Favre, Thiers and Treu-

cht had an interview at a French outpost in

which the subject of an armistice was dis-

cussed and all its bearings stated. The com-

mittee of national defence was in favor of an

armistice, but was not sure of its ability to

realize its wishes. The Journal Official party

says on that point that such an armistice as

that proposed by the Powers cannot preju-

dice France until it is definitely ratified at

Paris.

TUESDAY, Nov 7.—Government has been giving

public information of the result of the

negotiations for an armistice. The impres-

sion prevails that the Ministry are not favor-

able to the scheme. A great number of ad-

dresses against it have been received from

all parts of the country.

BERLIN, Nov 7.—A correspondent tele-

graphs that the foreign Ministers have a

dispute saying the armistice negotiations

are proceeding favorably. Thiers had re-

quested a postponement in order to obtain

further concessions from Paris. At Gov-

ernment headquarters an armistice was con-

sidered equivalent to peace.

BARSINGHUS, Nov 6.—Gen Changarnier de-

clares Bazaine was not guilty of treachery

in the surrender of Metz. He was incom-

petent to command a large army—numbers

bewildered him. He could not move men,

could not operate the force. He had no

judgment, no foresight.

Trochu is utterly prostrated and incap-

able of doing business.

TRUCKEE, Nov 7.—Three men, supposed to

be implicated in the express robbery near

Verde Valley last week, have been arrested in Sierra

Valley. One was brought here last night.

